

# SAN ANTONIO CHAPTER

## ASSOCIATION OF GOVERNMENT ACCOUNTANTS

### November 2006 Newsletter

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Nomination of 2006-2007 Board Officers were made by voice count and elected at March 2006 Luncheon.

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### *President's Message.-Helene Baker*

Our chapter would like to recognize the following members:

Teodora Pena – Past two parts to the CPA exam

Rory Chapman – Performance Award – BA&H

Joanna Baltierra, CPA, and Helene Baker, CGFM– Representing SA AGA at the University of Texas San Antonio 25<sup>th</sup> Scholarship Awards Banquet

Ernest Dabon and Helene Baker, CGFM, - Representing SA AGA at University of Texas San Antonio, College of Business, Donor Appreciation Reception.

Joanna Baltierra, CPA – Hosting the audio conference “New Yellow Book” at Padgett and Stratemann and providing ‘hot entries’ for the attendees

Our executive board representatives awarded a \$500 student scholarship to Diane Andrade at the University of Texas San Antonio “Silver Anniversary Scholarship and Awards Banquet” on November 10<sup>th</sup>. Diane will be completing her MBA in May 2007 and is a 3.8 point graduate and currently works at The Hanke Group. Our chapter invited Diane to our upcoming chapter meetings. Congratulate and welcome Diane at our upcoming meetings.

The of \$200 received from AGA National for the October membership and attendee appreciation lunch offset the cost of \$473 with receipts of \$573 and we enjoyed a selection of entries and a presentation from an economics renowned speaker Mr. Tom Stringfellow from Frost Bank.

Our audio conference on the “New Yellow Book” was informative on the development issues of revisions and gave attendees the insight used to develop changes that will begin to mirror CPA SAS as well as translating the yellow book into 80 different languages for use worldwide. Mr. James Salter, SES, CGFM, Assistant Adjutant General, Air Force Audit Agency, gave us light humor prior to an engaging serious subject on the yellow book and spoke on the growing importance of obtaining and maintaining certifications in the accounting profession. Mr. Salter gave advice and encouragement and with his humbleness shared his success story in holding our association certification.

We now enter into our December break and will convene with a joint SA CPA Society/AGA meeting on January 30, 2007. Have a wonderful and safe Holiday!

As we fall back and change our time admire the autumn.

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AGA serves government and private accountability professionals by providing quality education, fostering professional development and certification, and supporting standards and research to advance in knowledge of government accountability.

**For Current AGA National News:**

<http://www.agacgfm.org/homepage>

**Why Certification?**

"Certification programs are win-win-win--the certifiers benefit; the certified benefit; and so does any customer, client or employer who relies on the certification. That should explain why, within a decade, every market leader in every global industry will offer certification programs for its key employees." Fortune Magazine, 6.26.00

***In a 2001 survey by Robert Half International, a financial management placement firm, 85% of the 1400 CFOs surveyed "believed that a professional certification...can boost career advancement opportunities."***

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*In today's complex and changing world, a professional certification provides prospective employers with a degree of confidence that candidates are prepared for the real world." John Radford, CGFM, State Controller, State of Oregon*

### **Federal Executives Pan Performance Pay System**

**(NSPS)** The fledgling system to pay federal executives based on quantifiable performance measures is a flop, according to most of the executives who responded to an unscientific survey. Eighty-six percent of respondents said the 2-year-old pay-for-performance system in the Senior Executive Service had no impact on their job performance. Another 5 percent said the system actually had a negative effect on their performance. Less than 10 percent said the system made a positive difference. The survey was created by the Senior Executives Association in partnership with Avue Technologies, and 846 members of the SES voluntarily completed it. "This year, my supervisors directed me to lower the rating of an SES subordinate for whom I had proposed an outstanding rating, and to lower the rating on any element I chose for him because it just wasn't his 'turn' to get an outstanding," one executive from the Agriculture Department said in completing the survey. "Needless to say, I am very cynical about it all." — Karen Rutzick, Government Executive. For full story see [http://www.govexec.com/story\\_page.cfm?articleid=35041&dcn=e\\_gvet](http://www.govexec.com/story_page.cfm?articleid=35041&dcn=e_gvet)

**CPE obtainable at AGA National Conference**  
**Dates:**

### **National Leadership Conference**

*Feb. 12-13, 2007 Ronald Reagan Building, Washington, D.C*

### **Professional Development Conference**

*Jun. 24-27, 2007 Renaissance Nashville Hotel, Nashville, TN*

*Jul. 27-30, 2008 Marriott Atlanta Marquis, Atlanta, GA*

*Jun. 21-24, 2009 New Orleans Marriott, New Orleans, LA*

**Programs/Communications Update by Joanna Baltierra, CPA**

**Upcoming event: Joint SA CPA Society/AGA Meeting**  
**Your association is pleased to join with the SA CPA Society this**  
**January for a joint session with Speaker City Manager Cheryl**  
**Sculley, on January 30, 2007.**

This luncheon meeting will be held in the Sky Room of University of Incarnate Word. More information will be given to our members and a flyer will be sent closer to the event with the particulars and costs. As our date changed from January 17<sup>th</sup> to January 30<sup>th</sup> due to SA CPA Society schedule of event our National AGA President, Mr. Jeff Hart, send us his kindness regards and will not be able to make this event as he will be in Tallahassee on this date. Mr. Jeff Hart is looking forward to a future visit and always wanted to come see San Antonio.

Upcoming events and details are posted to the <http://www.sanantonioaga.org> website at least one week prior to the event and in addition these events are published on the AGA National website events page <http://www.cgfmaga.org>

January 30, 2007 **Mark your calendar date changed to January 30, 2007** – Joint SA AICPA/AGA Luncheon – CPA Update, 1 CPE, with Speaker, City Manager Cheryl Sculley

February 28, 2007 – Live Audio Conference – Speaker TBA –“Internal Controls”, 2 CPE

March 28, 2007 – Meeting and Luncheon – Speaker Mr. Riley Shaull, Finance Officer, Oklahoma, Office of State Finance, on “Shared Services – State and Federal”

**Web Master/Newsletter Editor Update by Teodora Pena**

It is my pleasure to update your website. Please contact me on the website with suggestions for improving your site. Your website is located at <http://www.sanantonioaga.org> and upcoming events are located in the News section and please check back to the Newsletter for updates and changes in scheduled events. More pictures have been posted from luncheons meetings, audio event meetings and community event drives. A host of other items are located on your website so please enjoy.

**CGFM/Early Careers Chair/Education Director Update by Darrell Riegel, CGFM**

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**Membership Director/University Contact Update by Jana Dudding**

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